

(c) detecting in the sample a polynucleotide sequence that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide probe, thereby detecting breast cancer in the patient.

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44. (Amended) The method of claim 43 wherein the oligonucleotide probe comprises at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of a polynucleotide molecule comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:[1-94]55, 56, 59-65 and 67.

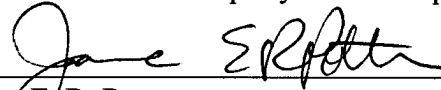
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Claims 32, 33, 43 and 44 have been amended to remove reference to non-elected species and to clarify the claimed subject matter. It is urged that support for all the above amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed, and that none of the amendments constitute new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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